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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 23, 2002, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the Abstract section on page 63 with the new Abstract submitted on the attached substitute sheet.

Page 2, before the paragraph entitled "Field of Invention," please replace the first paragraph with the following text:

-- RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/410,344 filed September 30, 1999, which is incorporated herein by reference. This application is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 09/122,143 filed July 24, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,180,059B1, which is incorporated herein by reference. --

Please replace the text of the second full paragraph on page 38, lines 11-18, with the following text: